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TO AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 161169

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAID, PBOR, PINT

SUBJECT: TEXACO

REFERENCE: TEGUCIGALPA 2926

1. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED VIA OPIC, FAILURE TO ARRANGE SHIPMENT OF CRUDE OIL FOR REFINERY WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS COULD RESULT IN NEED TO SHUT DOWN REFINERY OPERATIONS. DELAYS DUE TO RE-STARTUP OF REFINERY, EVEN ASSUMING CRUDE SHIPMENT RECEIVED SHORTLY AFTER DUE DATE COULD, IN TURN, RESULT IN SHORTAGES ON LOCAL MARKET FOR UNDETERMINED PERIOD. IN ADDITION, ACCORDING TO OPIC, TEXACO WOULD FEEL OBLIGED TO ADVISE LOCAL DISTRIBUTORS OF PROSPECTIVE DELAYS IN SUPPLY WHICH WOULD BRING THIS WHOLE ISSUE INTO PUBLIC FOCUS THUS RUNNING SERIOUS RISK OF INTRODUCTION OF EXTRANEIOUS FACTORS INTO GOH DECISION.

2. TEXACO STILL HAS NOT HEARD FROM GOH REGARDING PROMISED
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MEETING OF 15TH OR 16TH.(PER REFTTEL)

3. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT MINISTER BENNATON OR OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS TO FACILITATE MEETING BETWEEN GOH AND TEXACO. YOU MAY DRAW ON ABOVE FACTS, AS USEFUL, TO INDICATE TO GOH THE URGENCY OF THIS MATTER WITHOUT, OF COURSE, MENTIONING OPIC AS SOURCE OF OUR INFORMATION. YOU SHOULD EMPHASIZE TO GOH AGAIN THAT WE HOLD NO BRIEF FOR EITHER SIDE BUT SIMPLY WISH TO BE SURE THAT THE OUTCOME OF CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS IS ONE THAT BOTH SIDES CAN LIVE WITH AND IS NOT AFFECTED BY EXTRANEIOUS FACTORS WHICH, IF THEY ARE GIVEN OPPORTUNITY TO ARISE, NEITHER SIDE MAY BE ABLE TO CONTROL. ROGERS

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